

In the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claims 1-12 (cancelled)

13. (currently amended) A supply meter for liquid or gaseous medium or electric current, with a display device for displaying the amount of the medium which has passed through the supply meter, which displays with a cumulative meter reading the entire amount consumed to date and makes possible the production of a verification code, ~~thereby characterized, that the~~ wherein:

(a) a separate verification code display device (3) is mechanically linked with the ~~drive-means~~ gear (1) for the consumed-amount display-device (4) via a gear connection means (2), and

(b) that the translation relationship between the ~~drive means~~ gear (1) and the verification code display device (3) is freely selectable depending upon the construction design of the gear connection means (2).

14. (previously presented) A supply meter according to claim 13, wherein the verification code provided by the verification code display device (3) is a product of the

- position of the consumed-amount display-device (4), the setting of the verification code display device (3) when the consumed-amount display-device (4) was in the zero or start position, and the translation relationship between the gear (1) and the verification code display device (3).
15. (previously presented) A supply meter according to Claim 13, wherein the verification code display device (3) is a rotating body.
 16. (previously presented) A supply meter according to Claim 15, wherein the verification code display device (3) is a rotating display.
 17. (previously presented) A supply meter according to Claim 15, wherein the verification code display device (3) is a disk display.
 18. (previously presented) A supply meter according to Claim 13, wherein the verification code display device (3) displays a verification code for the cumulative meter reading.
 19. (previously presented) A supply meter according to Claim 13, wherein the verification code display device (3) is fixed or set in the zero position of the supply meter display device, in order to generate a portion of the device number.

20. (previously presented) A supply meter according to Claim 13, wherein the verification code display device (3) displays, encoded, the cumulative meter reading and device specific data of the supply meter.
21. (previously presented) A supply meter according to Claim 20, wherein as the device specific data there is displayed the device number and/or device type.
22. (previously presented) A supply meter according to Claim 13, wherein the verification code display device (3) displays the verification code in the form of letters, characters, numbers or symbols.
23. (previously presented) A supply meter according to Claim 13, wherein a cover provided over the display surface of the verification code display device (3) is operable by means of a mechanical push button (7).
24. (previously presented) A supply meter according to Claim 23, wherein the push button (7) is cushioned.